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SUJB: MALAYSIAN COMPLAINT RE ALLEGED UNAPPROVED OVERFLIGHTS
OF MALAYSIAN AIRSPACE BY US MILITARY AIRCRAFT

1. MALAYSIAN MFA OFFICER HANDLING US AFFAIRS
TELEPHONED EMBASSY NOON JULY 12 TO REPORT THAT
TWO US MILITARY AIRCRAFT HAD VIOLATED MALAYSIAN
AIRSPACE. TWO FLIGHTS WERE INVOLVED, ONE A
QUOTE P-3 ORION AIRCRAFT ENROUTE TO TENGAH
(SINGAPORE) FROM DIEGO GARCIA WITH CALL SIGN
WOX 069 UNQUOTE AND THE OTHER A QUOTE C-141 OUT
OF TENGAH ENROUTE TO SRI LANKA WITH CALL SIGN
MO 701. UNQUOTE. MALAYSIANS BECAME AWARE OF THESE
FLIGHTS ONLY WHEN THE AIRCRAFT QUOTE WERE AP-
PROACHING MALAYSIAN FIR. UNQUOTE

2. ASKED WHEN AND WHERE THE REPORTED VIOLATIONS
OCCURED, MFA OFFICER REPLIED THAT HE HAD JUST
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BEEN INFORMED BY MALAYSIAN CIVAIR OFFICIALS AND
ASSUMED THESE EVENTS HAD JUST OCCURED THAT MORNING.
HE DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW ANY FURTHER DETAILS
INCLUDING WHERE INTRUSIONS OF MALAYSIAN AIRSPACE
TOOK PLACE.

3. EMBOFF PROMISED TO CHECK INTO THIS MATTER BUT

SAID WE NEEDED ADDITIONAL DETAILS, INCLUDING
SPECIFIC TIME AND LOCATION OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS.
MFA OFFICER SAID THAT HE HAD REQUESTED FURTHER
DETAILS AND WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH ON THIS MATTER.

4. WE THEN PLACED A TELEPHONE CALL TO DAO SINGAPORE
BUT BASED ON INFORMATION AVAILABLE WE AND SINGAPORE
HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO PIN DOWN WHERE VIOLATION MAY
HAVE OCCURRED OR WHICH SPECIFIC FLIGHTS WERE
INVOLVED.

5. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION JULY 13 MFA OFFICER
SAID HE STILL HAD NOT RECEIVED DETAILS FROM CIVAIR
AUTHORITIES. HE HAD, HOWEVER, RECEIVED SOME
INFORMATION REGARDING A SEPARATE INCIDENT INVOLVING
UNAUTHORIZED OVERFLIGHT BY A US MILITARY AIRCRAFT
A MONTH OR SO AGO. WHEN EMBOFF OFFERED TO MEET
WITH HIM ABOUT EARLIER INCIDENT LATTER
DEMURRED, SAYING HE WOULD RATHER DISCUSS ALL
THREE OCCURRENCES WHEN ALL THE DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE.

6. AS OF THIS AFTERNOON (JULY 14) WE HAVE HEARD
NOTHING FURTHER AND ARE STILL AWAITING
DETAILS FROM GOM BEFORE WE RESPOND TO OR RECOMMEND ANY ACTION
ON THIS COMPLAINT. AT THIS POINT WE ARE NOT CERTAIN
WHETHER THESE AIRCRAFT STRAYED FROM ESTABLISHED
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ROUTES OR WHETHER THIS REFLECTS A MORE RESTRICTIVE
GOM POLICY ON THESE ROUTES. WE WILL ADVISE AS
SOON AS ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM GOM IS
FORTHCOMING.
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